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Hi,

My name is James Olson and my family owns and farms several pieces of ground in the Greater Kaweah GSA. After listening to the public presentation given a few days ago I have a couple thoughts about the plan.

First I think that there needs to be some pumping limits, I am 36 years old and without limits I do not see there being groundwater available for farming in my lifetime. There is also a great deal of debate and challenge on how to find an equitable and flexible plan to limit groundwater pumping. Over all I think the plan does a reasonably good job of being equitable and workable.

There are two changes I would like you to consider. Based on the discussion I heard in the public meetings it seems like they are already being discussed but I would like to add my support to them.

1. There needs to be some way of having the cities buy into this. I realize the cities on paper are under the projected long term sustainable yield numbers however the major cones of depression are also under the cities. How best to force them to buy into this I don't know but they do need to buy in at some level.

2. The 10% losses per year on surface water intentionally sunk into the ground for recharge is excessive to the point it will discourage owners of surface water from banking water. I understand there are some losses initially upon sinking, and that at some point the water may migrate out of the area. But the water does not disappear once sunk into the ground. I understand the Tule basin has a 10% initial loss with the balance being available forever. Something along those lines or perhaps a 10% initial loss with the balance available for the next 10 years and then losses of 5% a year after that would give an incentive for surface water holders to sink water. Which is necessary since without the sinking of surface water in a few years there will be no ground water in this area.

Thank you for your time in putting together these plans and I hop you will consider these suggestions as the released draft of the plan gets modified and finalized.

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